THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A well planned strategy for marketing, promotion and development of tourism in the country, in partnership with the State Governments and the Private Sector has led to a substantial growth in tourist arrivals to India as detailed below:

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrival	Percentage increase
2004	3.46 million	+26.8%
2005	3.92 million	+13.2%
2006 (till November)	3.88 million	+12.9%

A series of promotional activities are being undertaken by the India tourism offices overseas to further increase tourists arrivals to the country. These include advertising, participation in fairs and exhibitions, organising seminars, workshops and road shows, publication of brochures, offering joint advertising and brochure support and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry.

The Ministry is also focusing on several niche areas of growth such as Meetings, Incentives and Exhibitions (MICE), Medical, Cruise, Golf and Spirituality.

Development of tourism in Uttar Pradesh

3001. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue generated from tourism sector during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the amount allocated to the State Governments for the development of tourism during the above period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of the major projects taken up for development of tourism during this period, State-wise; particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The foreign exchange generated from tourism sector during the last three years and the current year is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Foreign Exchange Earned
2003	16429
2004	21603
2005	25172
2006 (upto November 06)	25934

(b) and (c) the amount sanctioned to the State UT/Governments including Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year for development of Circuits, Destinations, Large Revenue Generating Projects, Rural Tourism Projects, Fairs and Festivals, Events and IT projects, State-wise and year-wise is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

State-wise tourism projects sanctioned during the Tenth Five Year Plan

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.	No. of Project Sancd.	Amount Sancd.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6	946.50	16	2827.19	7	2,615.82	1	468.63
2.	Assam	3	313.46	8	986.03	10	2,140.00	1	454.28
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	6	1044.60	9	1325.50	10	2,240.16	8	893.40
4.	Bihar	6	1019.42	7	1901.43	3	1,212.23	0	0
5.	Chhattisgarh	6	1005.00	6	1117.94		71775.59	10	1676.58
6.	Goa	2	36.76	3	110.00	1	10.00	0	0
7.	Gujarat	8	920.51	2	138.93	5	2,011.58	5	347.73
8.	Haryana	16	1215.38	6	693.55	7	639.71	3	25.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4	182.32	12	2680.00	6	1,645.00	4	285.00
10.	J & K	5	895.00	5	819.25	22	6,656.01	15	3292.73
11	Jharkhand	2	1109.00	2	945.91	5	1,227.27	0	0
12.	Karnataka	14	932.66	12	2461.76	8	1,706.52	2	721.86
13.	Kerala	6	608.50	10	2283.63	13	4,858.88	8	1440.17
14	Madhya Pradesh	10	621.90	11	1595.19	12	3,047.39	6	2803.52

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15.	Maharashtra	10	931.83	10	1620.62	9	2,075.04	10	2326.89
16.	Manipur	1	82.44	0	0.00	2	49.80	5	788.29
17.	Meghalaya	2	40.22	2	963.30	1	5.00	2	15.00
18.	Mizoram	5	567.70	6	1086.35	10	2,273.41	1	5.00
19.	Nagaland	4	711.00	7	2250.69	9	2,528.97	5	468.94
20.	Orissa	5	419.55	8	1320.74	10	2,309.61	9	527.12
21.	Punjab	2	96.00	7	724.68	5	1,437.67	6	864.45
22.	Rajasthan	14	1644.81	13	2516.61	7	2,591.87	7	638.39
23.	Sikkim	8	1151.09	8	660.81	14	2,844.56	2	457.55
24.	Tamil Nadu	14	1339.82	7	1308.92	19	4,264.62	10	1413.63
25.	Tripura	6	450.17	1	20.00	3	716.26	2	278.15
26.	Uttaranchal	4	230.44	7	2199.98	13	2,738.00	6	528.99
27.	Uttar Pradesh	7	1115.80	9	1044.93	18	3,905.23	6	2883.43
28.	West Bengal	10	717.44	10	513.04	5	989.35	4	952.36
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0.00	1	6.25	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	2	10.00	3	467.00	1	13.70	0	0
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0.00	2	29.79	0	0
32.	Delhi	17	3316.28	8	628.85	2	20.00	3	20.00
33.	Daman & Diu	1	265.07	0	0.00	4	262.28	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	1	245.17	2	451.00	2	469.39	0	0
	TOTAL:	207	24,185.84	217	37,663.83	243	561,316.96	141	24,577.09

Note— This includes the projects relating to Circuits, Destinations, Large Revenue Generating, Projects, Rural Tourism (Software and Hardware) Projects, IT, Event, Fair & Festivals Projects.

Funds for tourism circuits to Andhra Pradesh

3002. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the funds provided to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh by the Central Government for development of Amravati Tourist Circuit, Nagarjunasagar Buddhist Circuit Hyderabad-Nalagonda-Khammam Circuit and the Lower Krishna Vallery Biddhist Circuit;

(b) the details of the works and activities going on/proposed to be undertaken in the abovesaid tourism circuits;